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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES

1. THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION HERE, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE G-77, THAT THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 23-27 OUGHT TO BE RESCHEDULED. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE MEETING CONFLICTS WITH THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE HELD IN GENEVA AND THAT MANY DELEGATIONS HAD PLANNED ON BEING REPRESENTED AT BOTH MEETINGS BY THE SAME PEOPLE. IF DELEGATIONS ARE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WHICH MEETING TO ATTEND, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PREPCOM WOULD TAKE PRIORITY, THIS ALSO RAISES THE ISSUE OF THE QUORUM OF FOUR STATES FROM EACH INTERESTED REGION NEEDED IN ORDER TO HOLD THE MEETINGS AND WHETHER A QUORUM COULD BE OBTAINED AT A MEETING HELD

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DURING THE DATES SCHEDULED.

2. THE G-77 HAVE APPARENTLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE WORKING GROUP MEETING IN GENEVA ALONG WITH THE PREPCOM, BUT THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO SATISFY THE BASIC PROBLEM EITHER. THUS, THE POSSIBILITY BEING DISCUSSED PRESENTLY IS THAT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING BE RESCHEDULED FOR

SOME TIME IN THE SPRING. FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS HERE IN NEW YORK ARE, WHAT WITH RENOVATION OF HEADQUARTERS, VERY DIFFICULT TO GET ALL THROUGH THE SPRING, AND THE SECRETARIAT DOES NOT HAVE ANY FACILITIES AVAILABLE BEFORE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONALS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARIAT, THE NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE (ABUAH, WHO IS THE LEADING FIGURE IN THE 77 ON THIS SUBJECT) SUGGESTED, IN LIGHT OF THE RESOLUTIONS' STIPULATIONS THAT A REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP GO TO ECOSOC THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THAT MEETING FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO MEET BEFORE THE COMMISSION'S MEETING IN MARCH, THAT MEETING FACILITIES FOR THE ONE-WEEK WORKING GROUP MEETING BE FOUND SOMETIME BEFORE EARLY JUNE AND THAT THERE THEN BE A RESUMED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION JUST BEFORE THE SUMMER ECOSOC TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP. THIS SEEMS TO BE AT THIS POINT THE ONLY REALISTIC POSSIBILITY FOR RESCHEDULING THE MEETING SO THAT FOLLOWING THE MEETING THE SECRETARIAT CAN PREPARE A REPORT. THIS REPORT CAN BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND THEN CAN BE SUBMITTED TO ECOSOC.

3. THIS POSSIBILITY IS THE RESULT OF INFORMAL TALKS WITH, AMONG OTHER, ABUAH AND THE SECRETARIAT, AND HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL ECOSOC. HOWEVER, IT WILL MOST LIKELY COME UP VERY SOON.

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